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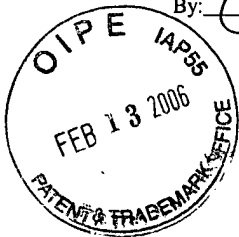
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Akihiro Ito et al.

Application No.: 10/695,149

Filed: October 27, 2003

For: FILE SYSTEM FOR CREATING  
SWITCHED LOGICAL I/O PATHS FOR  
FAULT RECOVERY

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6442

Examiner: Neveen Abel Jalil

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2165

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.